

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A device for entering names into a navigation system, comprising:  
a storage unit for storing names of at least one category of geographic information;  
an input unit for selecting a name;  
a display unit for supporting an entry; and  
a control unit for causing a selectable name to be displayed as a suggestion on the display unit as a function of a specified sorting criterion for the stored names of a category and as a function of earlier entries for the selection of the name to be entered, wherein a selection probability of the names is used as a sorting criterion in the control unit, and  
wherein at least one of (a) at least one statistically collected information item and (b) an information item recorded by measurement concerning local characteristics of an area designated by a name is used as a measure for the selection probability, and wherein the input unit enables entry of characters by a user, and wherein after the user enters at least one character as a partial entry of a name, the display unit displays as a selection suggestion a first name beginning with the at least one character, and wherein if the user does not indicate an acceptance of the first name, the input unit enables the user to input at least one further character, and in response to the input of the at least one further character the display unit displays as a selection suggestion a second name beginning with the at least one character and the at least one further character.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein a population of a country designated by a country name is used as a measure of the selection probability of a country name.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein a population of one of a city and a town designated by the name is used as a measure of the selection probability of one of a city and a town name.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein at least one of (a) a number of residents, (b) a length of a street and (c) a number of house numbers of a street designated by a street name is used as a measure of the selection probability of a street name.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 10,~~ A device for entering names into a navigation system, comprising:

a storage unit for storing names of at least one category of geographic information;  
an input unit for selecting a name;  
a display unit for supporting an entry; and  
a control unit for causing a selectable name to be displayed as a suggestion on the display unit as a function of a specified sorting criterion for the stored names of a category and as a function of earlier entries for the selection of the name to be entered,  
wherein a selection probability of the names is used as a sorting criterion in the control unit, and

wherein at least one of (a) at least one statistically collected information item and (b) an information item recorded by measurement concerning local characteristics of an area designated by a name is used as a measure for the selection probability, and

wherein at least one of (a) a number of hotels, (b) a size of hotels, (c) a number of offices, (d) a number of train stations and (e) a number of airports within an area designated by a name is used as a measure for the selection probability.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the input unit contains input elements which are operated multiple times in succession without operating other input elements to enter a character assigned to an input element.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the input unit contains at least one input element operated in order to select one of a character to be entered and a name from a list of names, the input unit containing at least one additional input element using which the selection of the one of the character and the name is confirmed.

17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the sorting criterion is selectable, names being sorted alphabetically according to a different sorting criterion.

18. (Currently Amended) A navigation system comprising a device for entering names for geographic information, the device including:

- a storage unit for storing names of at least one category of geographic information;
- an input unit for selecting a name;
- a display unit for supporting an entry; and
- a control unit for causing a selectable name to be displayed as a suggestion on the display unit as a function of a specified sorting criterion for the stored names of a category and as a function of earlier entries for the selection of the name to be entered, wherein a selection probability of the names is used as a sorting criterion in the control unit, and wherein at least one of (a) at least one statistically collected information item and (b) an information item recorded by measurement concerning local characteristics of an area designated by a name is used as a measure for the selection probability, and wherein at least one of (a) a number of hotels, (b) a size of hotels, (c) a number of offices, (d) a number of train stations and (e) a number of airports within an area designated by a name is used as a measure for the selection probability.

19. (Previously Presented) The navigation system according to claim 18, wherein the navigation system is for a motor vehicle.